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CLOSED

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

GERALD TUCKER,

Civil Action No. 14-5895 (FSH)

Petitioner,

v.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

MR. FISHMAN,

Respondent.

Pro se Petitioner Gerald Tucker, currently confined at Elizabeth Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, seeks to bring a habeas petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Local Civil Rule 81.2 provides:

Unless prepared by counsel, petitions to this Court for a writ of *habeas corpus* . . . shall be in writing (legibly handwritten in ink or typewritten), signed by the petitioner or movant, on forms supplied by the Clerk.

L.Civ.R. 81.2(a). Petitioner did not use the habeas form supplied by the Clerk for section 2254 petitions, *i.e.*, AO 241 (modified):DNJ-Habeas-008(Rev.01-2014).

THEREFORE, it is on this 24th day of September, 2014;

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall administratively terminate this case, without filing the petition or assessing a filing fee; Petitioner is informed that administrative termination is not a "dismissal" for purposes of the statute of limitations, and that if the case is reopened, it is not subject to the statute of limitations time bar if it was originally filed timely, *see Papotto v. Hartford Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 731 F.3d 265, 275 (2013) (distinguishing administrative

terminations from dismissals); Jenkins v. Superintendent of Laurel Highlands, 705 F.3d 80, 84

n.2 (2013) (describing prisoner mailbox rule generally); Dasilva v. Sheriff's Dep't., 413 F. App'x

498, 502 (3rd Cir. 2011) (per curiam) ("[The] statute of limitations is met when a [petition] is

submitted to the clerk before the statute runs"); and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall forward Petitioner a blank habeas petition

form—AO 241 (modified):DNJ-Habeas-008(Rev.01-2014); and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk's service of the blank habeas petition form shall not be

construed as this Court's finding that the original petition is or is not timely, or that Petitioner's

claims are or are not duly exhausted; and it is further

ORDERED that if Petitioner wishes to reopen this case, she shall so notify the Court, in

writing addressed to the Clerk of the Court, M.L. King, Jr. Federal Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse, 50

Walnut Street, Newark, New Jersey, 07102, within 30 days of the date of entry of this

Memorandum and Order; Petitioner's writing shall include a complete, signed habeas petition on

the appropriate form; and it is further

ORDERED that upon receipt of a writing from Petitioner stating that he wishes to reopen

this case, and including a complete, signed petition, the Clerk of the Court will be directed to

reopen this case; and it is finally

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Memorandum and Order

upon Petitioner by regular U.S. mail.

s/ Faith S. Hochberg

FAITH S. HOCHBERG

United States District Judge

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